

CURRENT CLAIMS AND THEIR STATUS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method in a computer system for distributing user information for registered users from the computer system to collection kiosks, the method comprising:

providing user information for registered users, the user information comprising medical information specific to the registered users;

receiving updates to the user information;

generating update user information; and

for each of the collection kiosks,

receiving a request from the collection kiosk for the generated update user information;

sending to the requesting collection kiosk the update user information; and

storing the update user information at the requesting collection kiosk for subsequent requests,

wherein the collection kiosks use the update user information to verify whether a user is registered.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the collection kiosks operate as FTP clients and the computer system operates as an FTP server.

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3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the received update user information includes indications of whether to add a registered user, delete a registered user, or change information relating to a registered user.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein a collection kiosk sends a request for the generated update user information once a day.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the user information includes a user identifier and a password.

6. (Currently amended) A method in a collection kiosk for retrieving updated user information, the method comprising:

providing user information for registered users, the user information comprising medical information specific to the registered users;

sending a request for updated user information;

in response to sending the request, receiving the updated user information; **and**

updating the provided user information for the registered user in accordance with the received updated user information so that the collection kiosk can verify whether a user of the collection kiosk is registered; **and**

storing the updated user information at the collection kiosk for subsequent requests.

7. (Original) An information collection system comprising:

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a central computer system for a web site, the central computer system providing a repository for the information, ~~web pages for~~ registering users of the web site, and ~~for~~ accessing the information; and

a plurality of collection kiosks for collecting information about users, for verifying whether a user is registered at the web site, and for sending the collected information to the central computer system when the user is registered.

8. (Original) The information system of claim 7 wherein the information is medical information.

9. (Original) A computer-based method for collecting medical information of users of a web site, the method comprising:

registering the users at the web site when information about a user is collected at one of a plurality of collection kiosks,
determining whether the user is registered at the website; and
when registered, sending the collected information to a computer system so that the collected information is accessible to the user through the web site.

10. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein a collection kiosk automatically sends a request for the generated update user information periodically.

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11. (New) The method of claim 6 wherein said sending a request for updated information is automatic and performed periodically.

12. (New) The method of claim 6 wherein said sending a request for updated information is automatic and performed daily.

13. (New) The information collection system of claim 7 wherein:
the information comprising medical information specific to the registered users;
the central computer system further is for receiving updates to the user information from the collection kiosks, generating update user information, and for each of the collection kiosks, receiving a request from the collection kiosk for the generated update user information and sending to the requesting collection kiosk the update user information.